## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 and 3-5 and 8-16 are currently pending. Claims 1, 3, and 4 stand rejected by the Examiner. Claims 5 and 8-16 were indicated as being allowable. The above amendments were made to delete the rejected claims so that the allowable claims can be quickly issued. Accordingly the entry of these amendments appears proper and is courteously solicited.

Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, and eagerly await the forthcoming notice of allowance. Meanwhile Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the claims cancelled in this response in a second application to be filed during the copendency of the present application.

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